--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Quebec Division - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/2 pound - lithographed in black ink - inscribed *G. La Rue / Collector* **- 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec On February 16th 1878.

John McKay records that 247,410 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 Black Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

John McKay further records that 40,570 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 lb. Black Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract**. These, listed in the final section of the Contract, were 'Delivered' for destruction. As such they do not enter into the exiting control number sequencing.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	lithographed	247,410
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	lithographed	40,570
		287,980

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	12,521
London Division - L 11	none
Quebec Division	33,401
Windsor Division	109,135
	155,057

The catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, black, Quebec, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-50 - 1/2 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-50a - 1/20 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

RP-50an - 1/2 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper - a remnant strip

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-50n** the perforated control-free 1/2 pound "Quebec" Division strip lithographed in black ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove. **WANTED!**

--- RP-50 - 1/2 pound - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls - perforated 12

RP-50 - 1/2 pound, black, Quebec Division, perforated 12, control number **020454**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Used by Licensee # *1*, manuscript *21- 82* in May 1882

016226	01/82	RP-50	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *13- 82*
020454★	05/82	RP-50	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Used by Licensee # 1, manuscript *21- 82*
033401		RP-50	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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--- RP-50a - 1/2 pound - on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls - perforated 12

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of **RP-50a** - the perforated 1/2 pound Quebec TOBACCO strip lithographed in black ink on ***unwatermarked*** horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The following imperforate strip is an *unfinished* remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, Quebec Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper - a remnant strip

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